

BOLD PLAY BY GERMANY

Seems Determined to Test Monroe Doctrine.

Recent Denunciation of Its Principles Regarded as Semi-Official.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Dutch West Indian mail steamer, Prinz William III, arrived today from ports in Venezuela and Hayti. Everything was quiet when the steamer left Porto Cabello. Town has been fired on, but very little damage was done. The blockade was not in force when the steamer left. She took on a cargo at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello. At Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, Dec. 23, the date of sailing, people were having a grand celebration. The new President, General Nord, was inaugurated amid great enthusiasm and the firing of guns.

Washington, Dec. 30.—General Von Bobulawski's violent denunciation of the Monroe Doctrine, cabled to this country this morning, is regarded among official circles, as a semi-official utterance of the German government upon that principle. It also makes conviction out of what was formerly only a suspicion that Germany had seized the Venezuelan situation to make an assault upon that doctrine. Moreover, it confirms the general opinion of the American army and navy officers that trouble with that country is brewing for the United States and sooner or later, must come to an issue.

UNDECIDED ABOUT FEES

Salaries Committee Wants More Information Before Reporting.

There will be a meeting of the Salaries Committee of Council tonight. The meeting, like the last one, will probably be open to members of the committee alone, and Chairman B. F. Manderbach does not believe that the salaries for the new city officials will be settled upon for some time.

"We have had only one meeting thus far," he said Monday night, "and none of us have met to discuss the situation since that time. It is not likely that we will soon be ready for a report. There is no hurry, anyway, as it is not necessary that the salaries be settled upon until about the beginning of March.

"There are some things about which the members of the committee are not

yet sufficiently well informed. For instance, we want to get the Solicitor's opinion about what is to become of the fees under the new code. If the officials are to retain them, it will make a mighty difference in the figures we fix for their salaries. Then, too, we want some one to tell us whether there is to be an assistant Solicitor under the new code. We want all the legal light that we can get, and wish to make no mistakes. The Attorney General may be called upon to interpret some of the law for us before we get ready to report.

"I do not think there are many real differences among the members of the committee about the size of the salaries, but we all feel that we want more information before we can get ready to report."

Requested That All Her Cats Be Buried With Her

New York, Dec. 30.—Imogene Tracy, many years ago a well known actress, has passed away, leaving a remarkable bequest. She was the possessor of 20 Manx cats and while going to feed them Christmas eve, she tripped on the stairs and fell. She died yesterday and

in her will she left her pets to the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with the request that the cats be chloroformed and buried with her. As she will be buried in a Catholic cemetery, her pets will not be buried with her.

ALMOST Ready For Opening of Campaign.

Believe It Will Be Started Next Week.

The spring campaign will undoubtedly take on activity next week, and it seems to be formed in a way that inspires excitement from the word "Go." Although no candidates for membership on the Board of Public Service have as yet declared themselves publicly, it is known that several are in training. Next week will undoubtedly be selected as the time for launching their

Majority candidates are already filing the field, and so are aspirants for the job of City Auditor. Ten Councilmen will also have to be selected, and there will be more candidates than usual on account of the salaries attached to the position. These are small, course, but heretofore the Councilmen have been obliged to work merely for love of the cause.

No candidates have yet announced themselves publicly for the office of treasurer and City Auditor, but the

salaries attached to these offices will be sure to bring out a large number of aspirants.

Seven Assessors are to be elected, and there are various appointments well worth going after. Not much is being done in the campaign now, but it is safe to assume that it will start next week.

ALFONSO

Selected as a Target by an Anarchist.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—It is officially confirmed that anarchist Angel Pulgar who was arrested at Oviedo on Dec. 8, has confessed his intention of assassinating King Alfonso.

The prisoner is the son of Senor Venancio Pulgar, president of the state of Suesla in the Venezuelan confederation. Considering this, the police will merely expel Pulgar from the country.

Home Wrecked by Explosion.

Delaware, O., Dec. 30.—An explosion of natural gas totally wrecked the home of Wm. Kurrely, here this morning. The gas which was not piped into the house, leaked and followed the water main into the cellar, and lighted lamps did the rest. Miss Kurrely and her mother were severely, but not fatally injured.

FIGHT

Said to be on to Get C. L. & W. Railroad Stock.

It is claimed now that the Baltimore & Ohio does not entirely control the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, and that the recent advance in the stock of the latter road is due to the efforts of the Baltimore & Ohio to get absolute control of the C. L. & W. The B. & O. does not want to make the improvements on the C. L. & W. unless it owns 51 per cent. of the stock.

DESPONDENCY

Caused Miner to Commit Suicide at Hazelton.

Hazelton, Pa., Dec. 30.—Benjamin Phillips, one of a number of strikers evicted by Cox Bros. & Co., six weeks ago, committed suicide last night by drinking carbolic acid. He suffered from miners' asthma, and this, combined with despondency over failure to secure work, is believed to have led him to commit the deed.

SPENDS

Much Time In Meditation.

Barber Now Realizes His Condition.

Improved Physically as Well as Mentally.

It is reported that there has been a marked improvement, of late, in both the mental and physical condition of John H. Barber, who is at the County Jail waiting the action of the Grand Jury.

He has been away from liquor for more than a week, and his mind is much clearer than it was. Since his broken jaw has had attention and the pain has been lessened, his nervousness has largely disappeared, and his condition is now said to be nearly normal.

With the departure of the liquor from his system and the clearing up of his mind, however, Barber comes nearer to a realization of the seriousness of his predicament and the enormity of the deed with which he is charged.

He spends much time in reflection and the fact that he deeded his property to his children is also taken as an indication of his improvement mentally.

With the exception of the physicians, the Coroner and those employed about the jail, Barber has seen practically no one since his arrest. The curious are still barred and are not admitted to see him. The number of visitors has become smaller and smaller, however, from day to day and Barber is practically left to himself.

SALOON FIGHT

Caused Long Trial In Police Court.

The trial of W. Plummer, charged with assault and battery, occupied most of Tuesday forenoon in Police court. By noon the case was ready for the arguments of attorneys.

A second charge, that of keeping a disorderly house, is lodged against Plummer, who keeps a saloon on North Howard st., and the trial in this case is expected to follow. In the two cases 24 witnesses were subpoenaed.

W. Dutton, who was arrested upon the charge of assault and battery in connection with the Plummer case, was discharged. The fight and disorderly conduct is alleged to have occurred Dec. 20.

PENSIONS

For Employees of the Standard Oil Co.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Standard Oil Co. has announced a general pension plan for the benefit of its employees. All employees who have reached the age of 64 years, after 25 years in the service of the company may retire on half pay for one year, after which a regular pension is to be paid to them. The regular pension is to be one-fourth of the salary which the employee was receiving at the time of his retirement.

LAUGHED

At Old-Fashioned Methodism.

No More Trances or Shouting.

Burst of Modernism Among Chicago Preachers.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Old time Methodism, including the shouting, the trances and the hymns dear to the revivalists, received a severe setback at the meeting of the Methodist Episcopal ministers of Chicago Monday. By a rising vote the pastors almost unanimously evinced their preference for the "new Methodism."

The Rev. C. M. Coburn, member of the committee for hymnal revision, read an example of the favorite in vogue a generation or two ago and several times was interrupted by the bursts of laughter from the ministers. Dr. Coburn said that Prof. Briggs was right when he characterized two-thirds of the ordinary church hymns as doggerel.

Dr. Coburn delivered a sweeping condemnation of the system of Methodism in Wesley's day as applied to modern conditions. He showed how impossible would be the old fashioned regulations separating the sexes in the pews and dispensing with organ music and all ritualistic effects.

ANOTHER

Rubber Company For Akron.

Arrangements Are Al- most Complete.

Crude Rubber To Be Distributed From here.

In addition to Akron's already existing prominence as a center for the manufacture of almost numberless lines of rubber goods, it is stated that this city is now likely to become a distributing point for crude rubber.

It is stated that the Bolivian Manager of the American Rubber Co. was in the city last week, and went over the ground here with a view to locating, with the general manager of the company and local people who are interested in bringing the American Co. to Akron.

Nothing has been given out in detail as a result of the visit, but it is stated definitely that Akron will be adopted as the home of the enterprise.

Besides producing crude rubber from the forests of Bolivia, for sale to American companies, the company expects to engage in the manufacture of an extensive line of pure rubber sundries from its own product.

The company already has a demand for its manufactures, which are now being made under contract, pending the location of a factory.

A number of local business men, who are acquainted with the prospect of another rubber plant, have taken a great deal of interest in the company, and it is announced that within a few days they will have arranged all details.

New Locomotives.

Two large new locomotives of the Rogers make, went through Akron over the Erie road, Tuesday morning. They are intended for the Burlington & Missouri River railroad.

To Visit Children's Home.

According to their usual custom, the Knights Templar will visit the Children's Home on New Year's day and tender some aid to the institution.

Vanderbilt Will Race.

New York, Dec. 30.—A letter, received in this city from W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., makes it certain that he has ordered a Mors racing car and has entered in the automobile races to be held in France.

DISCHARGED.

Three Men Found Not Guilty of Being Suspicious Persons.

Richard Park, William Oakes and Charles Johnson were arraigned in Police court Tuesday morning upon the charge of being suspicious persons. Officer McAllister stated that they were acting bolsterously and suspiciously on North Howard st. late Monday night. The men claimed to be from Navarre, where they worked as stone masons. They pleaded not guilty and after a trial were discharged.

MYSTERY

Connected With Contract Upon Which Suit is Founded.

New York, Dec. 30.—A suit has been brought against the estate of Charles Broadway Rousch, late millionaire blind merchant, by Miss Edna Weller McClellan, singer, on a strange contract, in which the eccentric millionaire is alleged to have agreed to pay her \$35 a week for life. The origin of the contract is a mystery which the lawyers refuse to explain.

FARMERS

Are Using Their Bobsleds.

Sleighing In the Coun- try Good.

Much Grain and Produce Hauled on Runners, Tuesday.

For the first time this winter the loads of farmers were seen in Akron in large number on Tuesday. The markets and general tying places were lined with sleds Tuesday morning, and a large number were seen at the mills, to which the farmers were hauling their grain for sale.

While the roads are somewhat rough outside the city, for in the city on such streets as are not paved, the snow has become steadily deeper during the past few days, and the sleighing is reported as excellent. Pleasure trips are more numerous, and occasional "sledloads" are seen leaving the city each evening. Taken all in all, the present cold snap brings with it as great a chance for winter sport in and about Akron, as there has been for several years.

ART EXHIBITION.

Prominent Feature of Durbar Opened Today.

Delhi, India, Dec. 30.—Viceroy Curzon opened the Indian fine art exhibition, a feature of Durbar, at 11 o'clock this morning. The exhibition was organized by Dr. Watt, consists of the finest collection of priceless loans ever combined in the east. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are representing King Edward at the Durbar, and a brilliant assembly of native princes, together with a crowd of the general public were present at the opening.

Brownless Sent to Hospital.

Frank Brownless, who was picked up by the police Saturday morning, and placed in the County Jail, pending a disposition of his case, was sent to St. Alexis Hospital, Cleveland, Tuesday morning, to be treated. It was discovered that his right arm was paralyzed and he had also been suffering from the effects of an epileptic fit. His home is not in the city and was found wandering about the streets when discovered.

New Patents.

Mr. Lawrence M. Selzer, of this city, has secured a patent on an improvement on golf balls, and Mr. A. J. White, also of Akron, has been granted a patent on an improvement on rubber tire vulcanizers.

Plea For Coal.

The Poor department has appealed to the public for more contributions of money to buy coal. The officials state that the supply is practically exhausted, and that several families require fuel badly.

IN THE HANDS OF HIS FRIENDS

General Dick Will Not Commit Himself.

Says the Convention Ought to Settle the Matter.

Gen. Dick still declines to commit himself regarding the nomination for Governor.

"I have never yet said that I was not a candidate for Governor, nor have I said that I wasn't," he stated to a reporter for the Democrat today. "The movement in my behalf was started wholly by friends, and I appreciate the compliment very much. It is really not necessary that I should say anything at this time, so far away from the convention. The conference held in Cleveland Monday was a very pleasant one, but it resulted in nothing definite."

In continuing, he said: "The Republicans of Ohio should have a voice in settling the matter. It is not a question of gratifying the personal ambition of any particular candidate, and really the only place to settle it is at the convention. Inasmuch as the movement was started by my friends I am inclined to leave it with them. It would be blunt to pursue any other course at this time. But there is really no reason for hurrying up matters."

"WILL BUILD FOR FUTURE."

Market House Committee to Meet Next Saturday Night.

The special committee of Council having in charge work relating to the new Market house, will have a meeting next Saturday night.

"The matter has been practically at a stand still for some time," said Councilman A. F. Koons, who is a member of the special committee, Monday night. "The new market house is a go; there is no longer any question about that, and the people showed by their votes at the last election that they want it.

"The first thing to be done, of course, is to select a site, and that will be about the main thing considered at Saturday's meeting. Several sites are under consideration, and of course we cannot tell which one will ultimately be selected.

"We want to build with a view to the future. I think it is a matter of but a few years until Akron will have two, three or four Market houses. There will be a big, central market, of course, and branches, in East, or West, or South Akron, or in all three."

Unparalleled Record Being Established In Police Court

Indications are that a large number of people are preparing to swear off drinking on New Year's day. This is especially apparent on the Police court records.

Notwithstanding the holiday season, there were no arrests for intoxication Saturday, Saturday night or Monday.

In Police court Monday and Tuesday mornings not a prisoner had the charge of intoxication placed against him. The same condition did not exist previously for three weeks, at least. This new feature was so unusual that it caused considerable discussion about Police headquarters.

NO MEMORIAL

To Be Erected to Daughter of Confederacy.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—The proposition to erect a memorial tablet to Miss Wannie Davis the daughter of the confederacy in the Grace Baptist Temple was withdrawn last night. The matter was disposed of by a unanimous vote of the congregation.

Word was received on Sunday from the two southern women with whom the idea for a tablet originated, that in view of the opposition, they thought it best to withdraw their application. The proposition for a tablet was made some time ago and a fund contributed, but opposition was shown by several northerners.

BOY STOLEN

And Not a Single Trace of Him Can Be Found.

Ware, Mass., Dec. 30.—"My little boy is stolen," says John Lubelzick, a wealthy merchant of this place who has smaller stores all over New England. "We have hunted everywhere and cannot find him. People, I find, believe that I am very wealthy. I am not so well off as they think. In a day or so a demand will be made upon me for a vast sum, which I can never raise."

Mr. Lubelzick's son, five years old was last seen on Christmas eve. "He disappeared as if an earthquake had swallowed him," said his father.

SUMMONS

Answered by Another Aged Man.

Mr. Geo. Smith Helped to Build Ohio Canal.

Mr. George Smith, aged 89 years, died Monday afternoon, at 2:45, at his home, 1053 East Market st. Death was due to his incident to old age. He is survived by a wife and four children—Mrs. Wm. Harpham, 1002 East Exchange st.; Geo. H. Smith, Kokomo, Ind.; Captain C. M. Smith, at engine house No. 2, and Myron A. Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 from the house. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. C. Smith, pastor of the Grace M. E. church.

Mr. Smith was born at Herfordshire, Eng., and came to this country when a small boy. He has resided in Summit county for 70 years, 32 of which were spent in Middlebury. The other 38 were spent in Boston township. Mr. Smith while a young man helped to construct the Ohio canal, being employed while the finishing touches were being put on. He was among the few survivors of the Ohio canal building days.

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND COLDER TONIGHT,
WEDNESDAY FAIR AND WARMER
IN WEST PORTION.